



SWANPOOL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

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Minutes of the Swanpool Management Forum Meeting held on:

Wednesday 2nd May, 2012
The Information Centre, Swanpool, Falmouth

Present:

PL: Peter Lochrie, (Chair & Treasurer), Swanpool Lessee
DY: David Yelland (Secretary), Falmouth Bay Residents' Association
GT: Gary Thomson, Swanpool Volunteer Warden
MB: Malcolm Brain, Past Chairman
BE: Bob Eldridge, Marlborough School

1. Apologies: Beth Tonkin (**BT**), Martin Rule (**MR**), Peter Hartley (**PH**)

2. Minutes of last meeting (29th February, 2012)

Accuracy agreed.

A number of signs have been placed on the wooden posts along the western edge of the lake asking members of the public to respect the nature reserve and remain on the road.

Surfers Against Sewage are holding a litter-picking event on Friday 4th May and will be sponsored by Barefoot Wine.

3. Treasurer's report & funding update

Funds in bank account stand at £1776.61. Invoices for signs and a payment to Chris Danks are pending.

The Forum funds will continue to benefit from the collection boxes on site and in the Café. Boxes are emptied every 4-8 weeks; the most recent one contained £134.

4. Project identification and progress (£10,000 Wainhomes funding)

Work on the Wainhomes development has commenced, and the £10,000 “section 106” funding to the nature reserve confirmed. A meeting will be held on 15th May to review plans for the spend of this money which involves the development of a terraced viewing area at the northern end of the lake together with a coppicing programme. Attendees at the meeting will be **PL, MR, BT** and Phillipa Hoskin from Cornwall Council. In preparation for the meeting, Chris Danks will provide a cost estimate of the terraced viewing area; **MR** will prepare an estimate of the coppicing programme.

Once the plans and costings have been approved an invoice can be raised and the funds placed on account awaiting release when the Wainhomes building programme reaches the trigger point.

5. Projects

(i) Coppicing :

See **4.** above

(ii) Capping works:

Nothing to report but item to be kept on agenda.

(iii) Highway works:

A small number of the “anti-parking” posts along the western edge of the lake have gone missing; others have been fitted with nature reserve messages as detailed in item **2.** above.

(iv) Green Flag status

The application for Green Flag status has been submitted, as detailed in item **6.** of the minutes of the previous meeting.

6. Any Other Business

- (i) Three annual fishing permits have been re-issued to the same persons as last year
- (ii) The number of ducks on the lake appears to be in decline, for no obvious reason
- (iii) The new pair of swans have successfully produced a full quota of eggs; seven to nine cygnets are expected to hatch next week.
- (iv) The “Coast” television programme is filming at Swanpool tomorrow

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th July 2012, commencing 3.45 p.m. at the Swanpool information centre.

D Yelland
Secretary
